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What is claimed is:

5 1. A computer system comprising:

a display device having a display area on a display screen thereof, wherein, out of target data to be displayed in said display area, one or multiple first data sets, the contents of which are actually displayed, and one or multiple first predetermined displays, which represent one or multiple first data groups of the target data other than said first data sets, are presented in said display area.

10 2. The computer system according to Claim 1, wherein said first data sets and said first data groups are sorted in the ascending order or in the descending order, and said first data sets and said first predetermined displays are presented in sorting orders thereof.

15 3. The computer system according to Claim 2, wherein said first data sets include the first and the last data of said target data.

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4. The computer system according to Claim 1, wherein, by the operation of selecting said first predetermined displays, one or multiple second data sets, the contents of which are actually displayed, and one or multiple second predetermined displays, which represent one or multiple second data groups of the target data other than said first and second data sets, are presented together with said first data sets in said display area.

25 5. The computer system according to Claim 4, wherein said first predetermined displays and said second predetermined displays are correlated with the first data rows and the number of data rows of said first data groups and said second data groups, respectively.

6. The computer system according to Claim 5, wherein the selection of said first data sets or said second data sets is a data entry operation.

7. The computer system according to Claim 6, wherein said target data is recorded in a different computer system connected to said computer system via communication means, and the contents of said first and second data groups are not transmitted from said different computer system to said computer system.

8. A data display method, for displaying target data in a display area on the display screen of a computer system, comprising the steps of:

identifying first data sets, which are included in said target data to be displayed in said display area and the contents of which are actually displayed in said display area;

identifying first data groups, which are included in said target data other than said first data sets and the contents of which are not displayed in said display area;

reading said first data sets from a recording area wherein said target data is stored and displaying said first data sets in said display area; and

presenting first predetermined displays representing said first data groups in said display area.

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9. The data display method according to Claim 8, further comprising the steps of:

selecting said first predetermined displays;

identifying second data sets, which are included in said first data groups and the contents of which are actually displayed in said display area;

identifying second data groups, which are included in said first data groups other than said second data sets and the contents of which are not displayed in said display area;

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reading said second data sets from said recording area where said target data is stored and displaying said second data sets in said display area; and

presenting second predetermined displays that represent said second data groups in said display area.

10. The data display method according to Claim 9, wherein said first data sets
5 and said first data groups are sorted in the ascending order or in the descending order,
and said first data sets and said first predetermined displays are presented in sorting
orders thereof.

11. The data display method according to Claim 10, wherein said first and
10 second predetermined displays correlated with the first data rows and the number of
data rows of said first and second data groups, respectively.

12. The data display method according to Claim 11, wherein said first or second
predetermined displays that represent said first or second data groups respectively, are
15 presented and a reading pointer for said target data is skipped by the number equivalent
to the number of data rows of said first or second data groups, while said step of
reading and displaying said first or second data sets is repeated for said target data
located immediately after said reading pointer.

20 13. The data display method according to Claim 12, wherein said reading and
displaying step is repeated until all said target data are displayed in said display area.

14. A data display system, for displaying target data in a display area on the
display screen of a computer system, comprising:

25 means for identifying first data sets, which are included in said target data to be
displayed in said display area and the contents of which are actually displayed in said
display area;

means for identifying first data groups, which are included in said target data
other than said first data sets and the contents of which are not displayed in said display
30 area;

means for reading said first data sets from a recording area wherein said target data is stored, and means for displaying said first data sets in said display area; and

means for presenting first predetermined displays representing said first data groups in said display area.

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15. The data display system according to Claim 14, further comprising:

means for selecting said first predetermined displays;

means for identifying second data sets, which are included in said first data groups and the contents of which are actually displayed in said display area;

10 means for identifying second data groups, which are included in said first data groups other than said second data sets and the contents of which are not displayed in said display area;

means for reading said second data sets from said recording area where said target data is stored, and means for displaying said second data sets in said display area; and

15 means for presenting second predetermined displays representing said second data groups in said display area.

16. The data display system according to Claim 15, further comprising:

means for correlating said first and second predetermined displays with the first data rows and the number of data rows of said first and second data groups, respectively.

17. The data display system according to Claim 16, further comprising:

means for presenting said first or second predetermined displays that represent said first or second data groups, means for skipping a reading pointer for said target data by the number equivalent to the number of data rows of said first or second data groups, and means for repeating, for said target data located immediately after said reading pointer, a step of reading and displaying said first or second data sets.

30 18. An article of manufacture comprising a program storage device readable by a computer and tangibly embodying one or multiple programs of instructions

executable by the computer to perform method steps for displaying target data in a display area on the display screen of the computer system, the method comprising the steps of:

5 identifying first data sets, which are included in said target data to be displayed in said display area and the contents of which are actually displayed in said display area;

identifying first data groups, which are included in said target data other than said first data sets and the contents of which are not displayed in said display area;

10 reading said first data sets from a recording area wherein said target data is stored and displaying said first data sets in said display area; and

presenting first predetermined displays representing said first data groups in said display area.

19. The article of manufacture according to Claim 18, further comprising the
15 steps of:

selecting said first predetermined displays;

identifying second data sets, which are included in said first data groups and the contents of which are actually displayed in said display area;

20 identifying second data groups, which are included in said first data groups other than said second data sets and the contents of which are not displayed in said display area;

reading said second data sets from said recording area where said target data is stored and displaying said second data sets in said display area; and

25 presenting second predetermined displays that represent said second data groups in said display area.